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Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
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Re: Hearing Application  
Pelican Zone, Reservoir C  
FF Zone, Reservoir B  
LAPEYROUSE FIELD  
Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Castex Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of Castex Energy, Inc. for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Pelican Zone, Reservoir C and FF Zone, Reservoir B in the Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana:

**Pelican Zone, Reservoir C**

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 108 acres for the Pelican Zone, Reservoir C, Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, designated as the Pel RA SUA, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. The Pelican Zone, Reservoir C in the Lapeyrouse Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 14,061 feet and 14,395 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Castex Energy, Inc.-A. M. Dupont No. 2 Well located in Section 17, Township 20 South, Range 18 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

**FF Zone, Reservoir B**

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 50 acres for the FF Zone, Reservoir B, Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, designated as the FF RB SUA, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. The FF Zone, Reservoir B in the Lapeyrouse Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 12,464 feet and 12,772 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Castex Energy, Inc.-A. M. Dupont No. 2 Well in Section 17, Township 20 South, Range 18 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

**For the above Zones**

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said sand units;

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2. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the PEL RA SUA;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on February 19, 2004. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Art Christy of W. H. Robbins & Associates presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. It is anticipated that there will be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

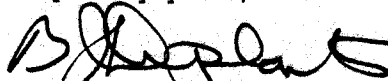
Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the Pelican RC SUA and FF RB SUA, Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners and represented parties who are being furnished with copies of this hearing application. This list includes the names and addresses of all interested parties who are known to the applicant after a reasonable search. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Art Christy of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$1,510.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager  
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,  
Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties and parties  
on attendance list

